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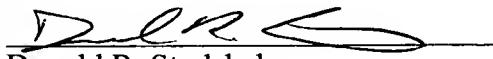
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Sir:

The Issue Fee for the above-identified application was paid on July 19, 2004.

Applicants have not yet received the Original Letters Patent for this application. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is requested to provide the undersigned with an indication of when the Letters Patent will be available.

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